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The Evening Mercury

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Guelph, 23rd November.

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OFFICE MACDONNELL STREET
MONDAY EVEN'G, NOV. 30, 1888.

Repenting their Generosity.

The Free Grants and Homesteads Act introduced by John Sandfield Macdonald's Government and passed by the Legislature last session was not so pre-eminently generous as to be able to afford a curtailment of the liberality of its provisions. Nevertheless the Ministry were under the impression that they had conceded too much, and consequently we find them industriously employed now in attempting to rectify their error. The eleventh section of the Act to which we have referred reads as follows:—"On the death of the Locatee whether before or after the issue of the patent for any land so located, all his then right and interest in and to such land shall descend to, and become vested in his widow during her widowhood in lieu of dower, in case there be such widow surviving such Locatee; but such widow may elect to have her dower in such land in lieu of the provision aforesaid."

This was not so bad; there was no inclination evinced to devour widows' houses, and a thrifty relict, particularly if she happened to have two or three sons approaching the state of manhood, might have been able to turn to good and valuable account the privileges which this enactment afforded her. Another section of the same Act rendered invalid any alienation or mortgage of free grants lands by the Locatee after the issue of the patent, and within twenty years from the date of such location, and during the life time of the wife of such Locatee, unless by a deed in which she should be one of the grantors with her husband and go through all the formalities required by law in case of married women conveying real estate. These provisions are to be restricted by the personal capidity of the members of the Government. A Bill has been introduced, intitled "An Act to alter the law of Dower, and to regulate the proceedings in actions for the recovery of Dower," which if not very just in all its features will at least be advantageous to a number of its supporters. It is with the third section that we have principally to do. It reads as follows: "That Dower shall not be recoverable out of any separate or distinct lot, tract or parcel of land, which at the time of the alienation by the husband, or at the time of his death, if he died seized thereof, was in a state of nature, and unimproved by clearing, fencing, or otherwise, for the purposes of cultivation or occupation; but this shall not restrict or diminish the right to have woodland assigned to the demandant, under the 31st section of this Act, from which it shall be lawful for her to take firewood necessary for her own use, and timber for fencing the other portions of land assigned to her of the same lot, tract or parcel."

Thus if a man should die shortly after he had settled down on a lot of wild land and before he had made any improvements, his widow would have no claim whatever; and by the same provision she is debarred from her right of dower in all wild lands which her husband during his life time may have alienated, but with more than princely munificence, she is allowed firewood and fencing timber if she may require them. Amendments to the bill were proposed and voted down, no doubt because many of its supporters were speculators in wild lands, having bought them for a trifle, subject to the claims of dower. Of course none of the lands in which they are interested are among the free grants, but the mischief of the law will extend to these in future. The effect of the bill is simply to deprive the widow of her rights, and to convey legally the plunder to the speculators. This is apparent enough, yet notwithstanding, every attempt to frustrate such wickedness and maintain justice was met with overwhelming opposition. Some people have always a light conscience so long as they are possessed of a heavy purse, and a number of our legislators appear to belong to the class.

Mr. Merry, who offered himself as a candidate for Parliament for Falkirk, was taken to task by the electors for running one of his race horses on a Sunday. He admitted the offence, but set up four pleas in extenuation: First, that it was seven or eight years ago, and that he never did it again; second, that it was in Paris, where people would be none the worse of it; third, that he was not present at the race himself; and fourth, that his horse won the grand prize. The meeting was apparently satisfied, for it passed a vote of confidence.

A novel point in law has been settled by the Court of Review, Montreal, in the suit of Grange vs. Benning, for \$40,000 damages for breach of promise of marriage. The defendant's counsel raised the point that breach of such promises was not recognized by the law of Lower Canada. The Judges decided that it was recognized—a decision that will meet with the hearty approbation of all aggrieved damsels.

Financial affairs are slowly improving, and Commercial Bank notes are sold at from 75c to 80c, and St. Stephen's 85c. An arrangement has been come to with the Bank of New Brunswick, the Bank of British North America, and the Bank of Montreal, by means of which the St. Stephen's Bank will be enabled to resume business in a few days.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.—On Friday morning the Special Committee of the Ontario Legislature had again under consideration the changes relating to Common Schools. The Committee have recommended that hereafter all the Common Schools be free, and that weekly or monthly fees for attendance be abolished. They also recommend that compulsory education of all children under a certain age be adopted as part of the Common School system.

DR. M'COSH.—This distinguished divine, now at the head of Princeton College, was welcomed to New York in a very hearty manner, not only by the Christian Convention then in session, but more especially by the Scotch and Irish Presbyterians, at a party given in his honor by Mr. Stuart, the great sugar-refiner. At this party some five hundred were gathered, chiefly of successful Scotch and Irish Presbyterians, and their immediate descendants; and it is said that a gathering representing more wealth could scarcely be found in America. There were also some twenty Doctors of Divinity among the number.

"DEVOURING WIDOWS' HOUSES."—The Stratford Beacon has the following: "Whatever may fairly be charged against the Canada Company, we believe it may truly be declared in their favor that they never evict the widow of a lessee, especially if she has been left in indigent circumstances. Occasionally, however, it would appear they are imposed upon, and cases of hardship occur through the greed of deceiving and unscrupulous men. The public were afforded an insight into such a case on Monday morning last, when the Widow McLachlan, from Ellice, in the street near the Stratford post office, soundly berated Mr. Monteith, the member for the Riding, for having, as she said, gone with another party to the Canada Company's office, in Toronto, and assisted in obtaining from the Company an instrument in his favor, by means of which he had threatened to dispossess her. The widow's language was exceeding terse and to the point, and enabled to cope with her, the member for the North Riding, best a precipitate and inglorious retreat. We have no very high opinion of Mr. Monteith, but we are loth to believe that he acted in the manner charged against him by this poor widow."

MAN SHOT BY A POLICEMAN.—On Friday afternoon, John Bolger, constable at Ganarogue, in a quarrel and fight with Joseph Gagnon, shot the latter with a revolver. The ball entered the nose, passing behind the left eye. Gagnon is still alive, but no hopes of his recovery are entertained. Bolger has given himself up to the authorities.

The ordinary definition of an island is "a portion of land entirely surrounded by water." A Hibernian of our acquaintance declares that this does not meet the case of Ireland, which considering the State and Church, is best described as "a portion of land entirely overrun by seas."

DIED.

WALLACE.—At Guelph, on the 30th November, Janet, beloved wife of Mr. James Wallace, aged 66 years and 9 months.

The funeral will leave the residence of her husband at 2 o'clock, p.m., on Wednesday next. Friends will please accept this notice.

New Advertisements.

AUCTION SALE OF

CHATEL PROPERTY

Belonging to the Estate of the late DR. THOS. S. PARKER, deceased.

W. S. G. Knowles has received instructions from the Executors of the late Dr. Parker, to sell by Public Auction,

On Saturday next, 5th of December,

At his late residence, Market Street, Guelph, with out reserve, the following Valuable Property:—3 good horses, set of double harness, single do., buggy, cutter, sleigh, wagon, cutting-box, crowbar, wheelbarrow, shovel, wagon-rack, plough, harrow, spade, forks, a quantity of oats and peas in the straw, 3 good pigs, buffalo robes.

TERMS:—\$10 and under cash, over that amount 6 months' credit on approved notes. Sale at one o'clock, precisely. Mark—NO RESERVE.

Guelph, November 30th. dwd

BOARD WANTED.

Wanted board for two young men in a private house, about ten minutes walk from the Bank of Commerce. Address S. & W., Drawer 12, Guelph Post Office.

Guelph, 28th November. d2

YOUNG MAN WANTED.

Wanted, a steady, active young man, accustomed to the care of a horse, and willing to make himself generally useful. Apply at this office.

Guelph, Nov. 27, 1888. doff

SERVANTS WANTED.

A First-Class Cook and a Chamber Maid wanted to go to Detroit. Highest wages given. Expenses paid to Detroit. Satisfactory testimonials required. Apply at the Mercantile Office, Guelph.

Guelph, Nov. 23. d4

TAILOR WANTED.

Wanted, a tailor for a country store. Must be a good cutter, and be able to conduct the custom business. Apply on TUESDAY, 1st Dec., from 11 till 2 p.m., to Thomas Whitehead, at Hogg's Dry Goods store.

Guelph, Nov. 23. d4

STRAW AND FELT HATS.

The subscriber begs to announce to the ladies of Guelph, and surrounding country that in addition to the Straw Bonnet and Hat making she is prepared to do all kinds of Felt work.

MISS HARRISON, next to Mr. Roman's, d12
Guelph, 10th Nov.

FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE.

A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to S. BOULT, Quebec-St., Guelph, November 19. daw if

STONE COTTAGE TO LET.

To Let, a Comfortable Stone Cottage, on the corner of Northumberland and Dublin Streets.—Enquire of D. SAVAGE, Watchmaker and Jeweller.

Guelph, November 28. dtd

SHOEMAKERS.

If you wish to give satisfaction to your customers, go to the undersigned for your Leather and Findings.

R. B. MORISON & CO.

COOK WANTED.

Wanted a First-Class Cook, to whom liberal wages will be given. Apply to J. MILLER, Castle Garden Saloon, Guelph, November 28. ddt

THE WATCH FACTORY AT WALTHAM, MASS.



Every sixth minute in the working day a finished watch movement is the average production of the above factory. Yet, at this enormous rate of manufacture, the Company can but barely supply the demand. They have already produced almost

HALF A MILLION OF WATCHES,

most of which are now in the pockets of the people, testifying to their superior merits as timekeepers. They are now almost exclusively used on

ALL THE LEADING RAILWAYS.

Where they are found to run with perfect accuracy, in spite of the constant jar, which so much affects ordinary watches.

SHIP CAPTAINS

and other officers, who are frequently absent on long voyages, prefer THE AMERICAN WATCH to any other, as they are not perceptibly affected by change of climate, and do not require frequent regulating. The story of the twenty-five dollar "Elery" watch that was carried five years by a soldier in the Army of the Potomac, and that varied only a minute and a half in that time, WITHOUT CARE OR CLEANING, could hardly be told of any other watch of the price that ever was made.

TO LUMBERMEN

these watches are of great value, not being liable to stop or get out of repair during their months of absence in the woods. They are admirably

ADAPTED FOR PRESENTATION,

as the movements are not only reliable, but the cases in gold are rich and handsome and of guaranteed fineness. Thousands of these watches are now worn in Canada—every day they are becoming more popular. Very soon they will be the only watches sold in any quantity in the Dominion. Buyers should always require the guarantee of the Company with each watch, to avoid being imposed upon by spurious Swiss imitations. These watches may be ordered through any Jeweller in the Dominion in gold or silver cases, for ladies or gentlemen; or in districts where there are no watchmakers, we supply them to general merchants by the dozen. To the wearer they are the cheapest watches in the world!

ROBBINS & APPLETON,
General Agents, New York.

ROBERT WILKES,
Wholesale Agent for Canada, Toronto and Montreal.

dw

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BRITANNIA HOUSE.

JUST OPENED AT THE

FURNISHING GOODS!

JOHN A. WOOD'S,
Wyndham Street, Guelph, November 31st. dw

ST. ANDREW'S DAY

1888. 1889.

CELEBRATION.

GUELPH ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY will celebrate the DAY by a grand

PROMENADE CONCERT,

IN THE TOWN HALL,

On Monday Ev'g, November 30,

To be followed by

Parlor Entertainments and a Ball.

REFRESHMENTS will be served during the interval of the Concert.

For Gentlemen's tickets \$1; Ladies' ticket 50c, which may be procured at the bar of the Castle Garden Saloon, at the Bookstores, and of the members of the Committee.

SUPPER will be provided by Mr. Miller, of the Castle Garden Saloon, at 25 cents each.

Guelph November 25. d5-w1

PETRIE'S DRUG STORE,

OLD POST OFFICE BLOCK.

A Very Superior Article

COAL OIL!

NOW ON HAND,

AT PETRIE'S

Drug Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Nov. 19. daw if

HOOKS, ATTENTION.

A GENERAL MEETING.

Of the members of the late Hook and Ladder Company will be held at NICHOLS' COURT HOUSE HOTEL,

On TUESDAY EV'G, 1st DEC.,

At half-past 7 o'clock, when all the members are particularly requested to bring in all Clothing, &c., belonging to the Company.

WILLIAM SUNLEY, Secretary.
Guelph, Nov. 27. do 11

BANKRUPT STOCK

FOR SALE

BY TENDER

Tenders for the Stock

Of Dry Goods and Groceries,

Belonging to the estate of McKay & Johnston, of Fergus, Insolvents, at so much in the dollar on the invoice cost, will be received

Up to Thursday, the 3rd December.

The Goods and Stock Book can be seen on the premises in Fergus, by applying to MR. GARVIN in charge.

Tenders to state price, terms of payment, and security if required.

JAMES MASSIE, Assignee.
Guelph, November 28. d3t

GREAT AUCTIONSALE

BOOKS

TO-MORROW NIGHT!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1st.

At M. Shewan's Old Stand,

WYNDHAM STREET.

Guelph, Nov. 27. d

GRAND ASSORTMENT

FURNISHING GOODS!

JUST OPENED AT THE

BRITANNIA HOUSE.

CARPETS! CARPETS! CARPETS!

In Wool, Tapestry, Brussels, Hemp, &c.

Lace and Muslin Curtains,

The Choicest Patterns.

Union and All-Wool Curtain Damasks,

Scarlet, Green, Crimson and Fancy Colours.

White and Coloured Marseilles Counterpanes,

Newest Designs.

The New Victoria & Alexandria Quilt,

Just Imported.

Irish Satin Finish Table Linen,

The Finest in Ontario.

Scotch Table Hollands

Very heavy and very cheap.

HUCKABACK AND DIAPER BED-ROOM TOWELS,

GLASS TOWELS,

KITCHEN TOWELS, &c.

500 Prs Canadian Tw'd Blaukhets

HEFFERNAN BROS.

Britannia House, Guelph.

Guelph, Nov. 19. daw if

PORTRAIT PAINTING.

D. C. BELL,

Portrait and Landscape Painter,

Has taken rooms in DAY'S BLOCK, where he will be happy to execute Likenesses of all who may favor him with their commands.

PORTRAITS

In Oil Colours, painted from life. PHOTOGRAPHS, AMEROTYPES, DAGUERROTYPES and MINATURES of all kinds copied and enlarged to LIFE SIZE.

FLAGS & BANNERS PAINTED

Lessons given in DRAWING and PAINTING.

Inspection of Specimens respectfully invited.

Guelph, Nov. 17, 1888. daw 1m

Executors' Notice.

ALL parties having claims against the estate of the late Dr. Thomas S. Parker, of Guelph, are required to present the same forthwith for adjustment; and all parties indebted to said estate to make payment to the undersigned.

GEORGE ELLIOTT,
NATHANIEL HIGGINBOTHAM,
EDWARD BLAKE, Executors.

Guelph, Nov. 6. daw if

New Advertisements.

Bills 104

NEW GOODS

Silver 100.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS

FRUIT. FRUIT. FRUIT

CROP 1888.

Layer Raisins | Seedless Raisins | Currants | Turkey Figs
Bunch Muscatel do. | Valencia do. | Prunes | Havana Oranges

Lemon, Orange and Citron Peel, FLAVORING EXTRACTS.

NUTS—Soft Shelled Almonds, Shelled Almonds, Walnuts, Filberts, Brazil Nuts, Chestnuts.

Orange Marmalade and Confectionery, Sardines, English Potted Salmon, Potted Meats, Fresh Lobsters (in the shell and canned.)

HERMETICALLY SEALED GOODS—Peaches, Strawberries, Blackberries, Tomatoes and Green Peas.

APPLES. APPLES.

One hundred barrels choice hand picked Fruit, in fine Rhode Island Green, Golden Russett, Red Winter and Spitzenburgh

BISCUITS—Soda, Abernethy, Pic-nic Crackers, Oyster Crackers, Ginger Nuts.

FISH, FISH—New Flannan Haddies, Smoked Salmon, Bloaters, White Fish, Salmon Trout, Cod Fish, Haddock, Sealed Herring, Labrador and Lake Herring, Pickled Cod Fish.

OYSTERS, OYSTERS, OYSTERS

Buy Platt & Co's Baltimore Oysters. Expected in a few days, Oysters in the shell,

NEW TEAS, Sugars, Coffees, Tobaccos, and General Groceries.

LIQUORS—Fine Old Rye, Malt and Common Whiskies, Sleeman's Ale, Bass' Pale Ale, Guinness Porter (old, and in splendid order.)

CROCKERY—A large assortment, complete in every department.

GLASSWARE (Plain and Cut)—Tumbler, Wines, Goblets, Decanters, Spoon Holders, Butter Coolers, Fruit Dishes, Preserve Plates, Sugar and Creams, Water Bottles, Salt, &c. FINE HEAVY PLATED CRUETS.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS' PRESENTS

A large stock in Gift China Mugs, Teas, with a variety of mottoes, Children's Toy Tea Sets.

The foregoing Goods will be found on inspection and trial to be fresh and good, and to form a large and complete assortment, the prices of which will be as low, if not lower, than the largest and biggest puffing house in the trade.

Guelph, 30th November. dw

GEORGE WILKINSON.

FRESH ARRIVALS AT

THE FRUIT DEPOT

Another Lot of of those Delicious

Oranges,

Lemons,

Sweet Potatoes,

Pea Nuts,

Chestnuts, &c.,

Will be sold to the Trade at LOW PRICES for Cash.

HUGH WALKER,

Guelph, Nov. 25. dw

BUSINESS STILL GOOD

AT THE

BRADFORD HOUSE

DRESS GOODS!

Another LARGE ARRIVAL at 12 1/2 Cents, worth DOUBLE the Money.

JACKETS! JACKETS!